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> "The General Assembly, recognizing the important functions entrusted to the Economic and Social Council in the Charter of the United Nations and reaffirming the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1] in which the General Assembly called, inter alia, for the further strengthening of the Council, building on its recent achievements, to help in fulfilling the role ascribed to it in the Charter, decides that the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council should be allocated sufficient resources from the regular budget of the United Nations to carry out these important functions."

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[1] General Assembly resolution 55/2.

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[1] General Assembly resolution 55/2.

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The Economic and Social Council recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

"The General Assembly, recognizing the important functions entrusted to the Economic and Social Council in the Charter of the United Nations and reaffirming the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1] in which the General Assembly called, inter alia, for the further strengthening of the Council, building on its recent achievements, to help in fulfilling the role ascribed to it in the Charter, decides that the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council should be provided with the means to carry out its important functions, taking into account the arrangements made for the Offices of the Presidents of the General Assembly and/or the Security Council."

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[1] General Assembly resolution 55/2.

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Economic and environmental questions:
Public administration and development

Honduras: draft resolution

Restructuring and revitalization of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 50/225 of 19 April 1996 and 53/201 of 15 December 1998 on public administration and development,

Recognizing that public administration in all countries has an important role to play in the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1] and stressing the need to improve national public-sector administrative and management capacities, in particular in developing countries and countries with economies in transition,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 50/227 of 24 May 1996 and 52/12 B of 19 December 1997 on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Recalling also its resolutions 1998/46 of 31 July 1998 and 1999/51 of 29 July 1999 on further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Reaffirming its decision 2000/231 of 27 July 2000, by which it endorsed the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance at its fifteenth meeting,[2] in particular recommendation 4,

[1] General Assembly resolution 55/2.
[2] See E/2000/66.

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1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General on the five-year assessment of the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/225 on public administration and development[3] and the proposals contained therein;

2. *Adopts* the text contained in the annex to the present resolution;

3. *Decides* to consider, at its resumed substantive session of 2001, the nominations for the membership of the Committee on Public Administration for Development so that the new composition of this body is fully constituted as from 1 January 2002;

4. *Also decides* to bring the present resolution to the attention of the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session.

Annex

Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance

1. The Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance shall be renamed the Committee on Public Administration for Development and shall continue to be a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council.

2. The Committee shall comprise twenty-four experts who will serve in their personal capacity. The experts shall be nominated by the Secretary-General, in consultation with interested Governments, and approved by the Economic and Social Council. The membership will be drawn from the interrelated fields of public economics, public administration and public finance and will reflect an adequate geographical and gender balance. The term of office is to be three years.

3. The Committee on Public Administration for Development shall meet annually for a period not exceeding five working days.

4. The Economic and Social Council should provide policy guidance on an appropriate work programme for the Committee on Public Administration for Development. The Committee will submit its report directly to the Council at its substantive session. The report should include the Committee's proposals on its work programme for examination and approval by the Council.

5. The General Assembly, the Secretary-General and the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council can also propose, through the Council, issues for consideration by the Committee on Public Administration for Development.

6. In disseminating information on the Committee's work, the United Nations Online Network in Public Administration and Finance should be fully utilized.

7. In undertaking its responsibilities, the Committee on Public Administration for Development should, in addition to holding its formal meetings, explore the scope for effective preparations for its deliberations. The Secretariat should provide assistance in this regard.

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[3] A/56/127-E/2001/101.

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Programme budget implications of draft decision E/2001/L.45

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council

1. In draft decision E/2001/L.45, the Economic and Social Council would recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

> "The General Assembly, recognizing the important function entrusted to the Economic and Social Council in the Charter of the United Nations and reaffirming the United Nations Millennium Declaration, in which the General Assembly called, inter alia, for the further strengthening of the Council, building on its recent achievements, to help in fulfilling the role ascribed to it in the Charter, decides that the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council should be allocated sufficient resources from the regular budget of the United Nations to carry out these important functions."

2. Should the Economic and Social Council adopt draft decision E/2001/L.45, no direct financial implication would arise but the action could lead to subsequent requirements for expenditure as and when the General Assembly acts on the recommendation of the Council. Accordingly, potential requirements arising from such action are indicated below.

3. It is the understanding of the Secretariat, based on consultations, that arrangements for the President of the Economic and Social Council could be modelled on those accorded to the President of the General Assembly. A provision could therefore cover the cost of official travel of the President; the cost of official travel of members of the Bureau acting on behalf of the President; and the cost of official hospitality and miscellaneous expenses that may be required for the accomplishment of the President's official function. The amount involved is estimated at $125,000 annually and is presented with due regard to the characteristics of the two Charter bodies, which each have a different composition and a different pattern of meetings.

4. As requested by the Council, information is provided in the annex reflecting the provisions for the Presidents of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

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Annex

A. President of the General Assembly

1. The provisions for the President of the General Assembly were made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/241 of 31 July 1997, on the strengthening of the United Nations system. In operative paragraph 1 of that resolution, the Assembly adopted the text contained in the annex to the resolution, for implementation with effect from 1 January 1998. In paragraph 44 of section XIV of the annex regarding the role of the President of the General Assembly, it is stated, inter alia, that in order to assist the President in the discharge of his responsibilities the General Assembly should request the Secretary-General, after consultation with the President, to include in the next programme budget a proposal for adequate resources to be made available to the President.

2. Accordingly, in the report of the Secretary-General entitled "United Nations reform: measures and proposals, proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999" (A/52/303 and Add.1), dated 11 September 1997, an amount of $250,000 for each year of the biennium was proposed to supplement the level of support then provided to the President of the Assembly. In its resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1998, the Assembly, inter alia, concurred with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and decided to approve the level of resources proposed by the Secretary-General. Since the adoption of resolution 52/220, consistent with the approved programme budget, the President of the Assembly has had full authority to use the funds appropriated by the Assembly for each biennium for the accomplishment of his official responsibilities. The proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 incorporates a provision of $516,400 for the President of the General Assembly.

B. President of the Security Council

3. As to the Presidents of the Security Council, no similar provisions are made in the programme budget for each biennium.

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Programme budget implications of draft decision E/2001/L.45/Rev.2

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council

1. In draft decision E/2001/L.45/Rev.2, the Economic and Social Council would recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

> "The General Assembly, recognizing the important function entrusted to the Economic and Social Council in the Charter of the United Nations and reaffirming the United Nations Millennium Declaration, in which the General Assembly called, inter alia, for the further strengthening of the Council, building on its recent achievements, to help in fulfilling the role ascribed to it in the Charter, decides that the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council should be provided with the means to carry out its important functions taking into account the arrangements made for the Offices of the Presidents of the General Assembly and/or the Security Council."

2. Should the Economic and Social Council adopt draft decision E/2001/L.45/Rev.2, no direct financial implications would arise but the action could lead to subsequent requirements for expenditure as and when the General Assembly actions on the recommendation of the Council. Accordingly, potential requirements arising from such action are indicated below.

3. Should the arrangements for the President of the Economic and Social Council be modelled on those accorded to the President of the General Assembly, a provision would be required to cover the cost of official travel of the President; members of the Bureau, acting on behalf of the President; official hospitality and miscellaneous expenses which may be required for the accomplishment of the President's official function. The amount involved is estimated at $125,000 annually and is presented, having due regard to the characteristics of the two Charter bodies which each have a different composition and a different pattern of meetings.

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4. Should the arrangements for the President of the Security Council be adopted as a model for the President of the Economic and Social Council, there would be no direct financial implications as requirements for the President of the Security Council are met through ad hoc arrangements whenever they arise.

5. As requested by the Council, information is provided in the annex reflecting the provisions for the Presidents of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

Annex

A. President of the General Assembly*

1. The provisions for the President of the General Assembly were made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/241 of 31 July 1997, on the strengthening of the United Nations system. In operative paragraph 1 of that resolution, the Assembly adopted the text contained in the annex to the resolution, for implementation effective from 1 January 1998. In paragraph 44 of section XIV of the annex regarding the role of the President of the General Assembly, it is stated, inter alia, that in order to assist the President in the discharge of his responsibilities, the General Assembly should request the Secretary-General, after consultation with the President, to include in the next programme budget, proposal for adequate resources to be made available to the President.

2. Accordingly, in the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999, on United Nations reform and proposals (A/52/303 and Add.1) dated 11 September 1997, an amount of $250,000 for each year of the biennium was proposed to supplement the level of support then provided to the President of the Assembly. In its resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1998, the Assembly, inter alia, concurred with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; and decided to approve the level of resources proposed by the Secretary-General. Since the adoption of resolution 52/220, consistent with the approved programme budget, the President of the Assembly had full authority to use the funds appropriated by the Assembly for each biennium, for the accomplishment of his official responsibilities. The proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 incorporates a provision of $516,400 for the President of the General Assembly.

B. President of the Security Council

3. As to the Presidents of the Security Council, no provisions are made in the programme budget for each biennium. Requirements for the President of the Security Council are met through ad hoc arrangements whenever they arise.

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Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered paragraph 111 of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,[1] adopted by the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in Brussels on 20 May 2001,

Recalling its decision 2001/300 of 26 July 2001 and General Assembly resolution 50/227 of 24 May 1996,

1. *Decides* to establish, under the regular agenda item entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits", a regular sub-item entitled "Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010";

2. *Also decides* to consider, at a substantive session before 2005, devoting a high-level segment for the review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 and to consider later in the decade further options for such review and coordination.

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Economic and environmental questions: sustainable development

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Ivan Šimonovi (Croatia), on the basis of informal consultations

Report of the Committee for Development Policy

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1998/46 of 31 July 1998, in which it decided that the Council should decide on an appropriate work programme for the Committee for Development Policy,

Recalling also its resolution 2000/34 of 28 July 2000 on the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its second session,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 46/206 of 20 December 1991 on the report of the Committee for Development Planning and criteria for identifying the least developed countries,

Taking note with appreciation of the presentation by the Chairman and other members of the Bureau of the Committee for Development Policy and of the report of the Committee on its third session,

Noting that the Committee for Development Policy had received insufficient information to carry out a thorough re-examination of its recommendation to graduate the Maldives from the list of the least developed countries, as requested by the Council in resolution 2000/34,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on ensuring a smooth transition of countries graduating from least developed country status[1] and the note by the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the benefits associated with the least developed countries status and the question of graduation,[2]

[1] E/2001/94.
[2] E/2001/CRP.5 and Add.1.

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Having considered the memorandum submitted by the Government of the Maldives,[3]

1. *Requests* the Committee to continue its work on the re-examination of its recommendation to graduate the Maldives from the list of least developed countries at its fourth and fifth sessions and to submit a progress report to the next substantive session and final recommendations to the 2003 substantive session of the Council, taking into account the above information in the present resolution and further information to be provided by relevant development partners and multilateral organizations;

2. *Calls upon* the relevant development partners and multilateral organizations to make available to the Committee for Development Policy the relevant information on their likely response to a country's graduation before the fourth session of the Committee in 2002;

3. *Decides* to extend the transition period of the Maldives until the next triennial review of the list of least developed countries in 2003, as recommended by the Committee on Development Policy;[4]

4. *Urges* the international organizations and bilateral donors to initiate a debate concerning the treatment of graduating countries with a view to ensuring that the graduation of a country from the list of the least developed countries should not result in disruption to its development plans, programmes and projects and the importance of ensuring a smooth transition from least developed country status for countries that become eligible for graduation;

5. *Reiterates* the importance of consulting with relevant Member States in the drawing up and use of country vulnerability profiles as well as the continuing need for transparency, objectivity and accuracy in these processes;

6. *Requests* the Committee to continue its work on the methodology to be used for the identification of the least developed countries, where appropriate in association with other international organizations working on environmental and economic vulnerability issues, and to report to the Economic and Social Council in 2002 on the criteria it proposes to use in the triennial review of the list of the least developed countries scheduled for 2003;

7. *Requests* the Committee, at its fourth session, to examine and make recommendations regarding the theme chosen for the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2002 of the Economic and Social Council;

8. *Welcomes* the proposals made by the Committee regarding its future programme of work;

9. *Invites* the Chairman and, as necessary, other members of the Committee to continue the practice of reporting orally to the Council on the work of the Committee.

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[3] See E/2000/104.

[4] E/2001/33, para. 9.

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Coordination, programme and other questions: reports of coordination bodies

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Ivan Šimonović (Croatia), on the basis of informal consultations

Further consideration of the annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination

Takes note of the annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination[1] and agrees to the change of the name of the Administrative Committee on Coordination to the United Nations System's Chief Executives Board for coordination,

Requests the Administrative Committee on Coordination to submit a comprehensive report on the reform of its office machinery to the Council at its next session, bearing in mind the relevant reports of the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

[1] E/2001/55.

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